

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

### **I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12, which are independent, are amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification, specifically on page 44, lines 5-17. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicant are entitled.

### **II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 1-12 were rejected allegedly under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,603,737 to Fukunaga et al. (hereinafter, merely “Fukunaga”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,459,533 to Kim, Sung-Eun (hereinafter, merely “Kim”) or U.S. Patent No. 6,032,944 to Lee, Bong-Gi (hereinafter, merely “Lee”).

Claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“An image processing apparatus...

printing state presentation means for presenting to a user the  
printing state in accordance with the printing state information on  
the image processing apparatus,

wherein said printing state information indicates a paper-jam.”  
(emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Fukunaga relates to a data transmission system where an image providing device and a printer are connected and where image data is sent from the image providing device to the printer based in information included in a response to a command provided by the image providing device. The printer converts the image data outputted from the image providing device into print data. The image providing device and printer are directly connected by a 1394 serial bus.

As understood by Applicant, Kim relates to a method for eliminating a paper jam from an image forming system. The image forming system includes an engine driving motor, register rollers, a paper cassette and fixing rollers. The paper jam elimination system includes the steps of determining if a paper jam has occurred, displaying an indication of the paper jam upon its detection on the image forming system and delivering the jammed paper to an exterior of the image forming system.

As understood by Applicant, Lee relates to a paper re-pickup method for an image forming apparatus where if an initial attempt a paper pickup is unsuccessful, then it is re-attempted automatically. The method includes the steps of picking up the uppermost sheet of papers stacked and checking for a normal paper pickup procedure. If the paper pickup is not normally carried out, the image forming apparatus checks whether the value of the paper pickup re-tr try counter is zero. If the counter is zero, there is a paper jam occurrence and the print engine sends a signal indicating which is displayed on the printing device.

Applicant submits that Fukunaga, Kim and Lee, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicant submits

that there is no teaching or suggestion, in the cited references, of presenting to a user the printing state in accordance with the printing state information on an image processing apparatus, in which the printing state information indicates a paper-jam, as recited in claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submit that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicant submit that independent claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 are patentable.

### **III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

The other claims are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the above-identified reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

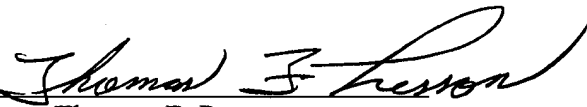
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference, or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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